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1. It has been decided to accelerate the construction of a dam situated to the north east of the Orava region. The dam, which will be the most important one in northern Slovakia, is considered to have the greatest importance for electrification of all of Slovakia. The engineers had many difficulties because of a very sandy foundation. Each section of Slovakia will be obliged to furnish a brigade of 40 workmen to work for a month during the next for or five years.
2. The Skoda naval shipyards at Komarno on the Neutra River, which were badly damaged during the war, have been reconstructed and even expanded. They are used at present for repairing ships of the Czechoslovak, Hungarian, and Rumanian Danube Navigation Companies. Construction of new shipping has been undertaken within the framework of an industrial and economic agreement concluded for 20 years between the USSR and the satellite countries.
3. Several factories, which are to make various synthetic products from wood, are being constructed by the Drevoindustria firm at Kosice on the left bank of the Hornad River. The Drevoindustria factory at Humenne has already begun to produce fats and other products.
4. Penicillin production at Hranice is not sufficient, and imports from Poland and Russia are continuing.
5. The manufacture of hunting ammunition was stopped at the Sellier-Belrot munitions factory at Vlasim in June. Eighty percent of production is for the army. At present the number of employees and workers in this company exceeds 7,000. There are three eight-hour shifts. Deliveries to Palestine have been stopped. Production is as follows:
 - a. Infantry ammunition: rifles and all models of pistols
 - b. Artillery ammunition: 75-mm artillery shells (90 percent of production) and P.T.K. anti-tank shells
 - c. Grenades: hand grenades, models 34 and 38
 - d. Mines: infantry mines

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